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October 25, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS  
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FCC0000867 - Project No. 46 - Low Flow Diversion at Rose Avenue, Cities of Los Angeles and Santa Monica (3), Clarke Contracting Company, with changes in amount of \$3,903.10, and a final contract amount of \$514,283.60.

Project ID No. FCC0000896 - Private Drain No. 996 Reconstruction of Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert, vicinity of Rancho Dominguez (2), Garcia Juarez Construction, Inc., with changes in the amount of \$9,800.85, and a final contract amount of \$179,915.85.

Project ID No. FMD0003074 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2005, Ballona Creek Watershed, vicinities of Baldwin Hills and West Hollywood (2 and 3), J & G Maintenance, with changes amounting to a credit of \$155.50, and a final contract amount of \$67,610.00.

Project ID No. FMD0003075 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2005, Dominguez Channel Watershed, et al., vicinities of Carson, Hawthorne, Lomita, and Rolling Hills Estates (2 and 4), J & G Maintenance, with changes in the amount of \$432.00, and a final contract amount of \$68,978.25.

Project ID No. R112750001 - 101st Street, vicinity of Littlerock (5), Granite Construction Company, with changes in the amount of \$4,876.00, and a final contract amount of \$298,548.00.

Project ID No. RDC0014651 - Puente Avenue at Cagliero Street, et al., vicinities of La Puente and Diamond Bar (1 and 4), Oak Engineering, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$4,224.53, and a final contract amount of \$206,849.06.

Project ID No. RMD1546032 - Palm Tree Trimming, RD 514, FY 2004-05, vicinity of Pasadena (5), Trimming Land Co., Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$737.00, and a final contract amount of \$68,644.00.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID Nos. FCC0000867, FCC0000896, FMD0003074, FMD0003075, R112750001, RDC0014651, and RMD1546032.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The modifications to the contract amounts range in value from a credit of \$4,224.53 to an increase in the amount of \$9,800.85, while the total values of the contracts range from \$67,610.00 to \$514,283.60.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

## ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000867, PROJECT NO. 46 - LOW FLOW DIVERSION AT ROSE AVENUE (Cities of Los Angeles and Santa Monica), Supervisorial District 3

Contractor: Clarke Contracting Company, 4646 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Lawndale, California 90260

### Project Description:

Construction of low flow diversion weirs in an existing reinforced concrete double box conduit; reinforced concrete stormwater/sediment separator; and reinforced concrete sump with pumps, control system, and discharge pipes.

### Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$2,100.00
(2) Modifications to Flow Meter	<u>1,803.10</u>
Total	<u>\$3,903.10</u>

### Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contract is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to the variations between bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) The contractor installed the flow meter in accordance with the project plans and specifications; however, the flow meter had to be modified in order to work properly given the existing field conditions. This work was not shown in the plans.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The cost for Item 2 was based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days will be required because of these changes.

### Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on June 14, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required by the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$499,050.00
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by your Board	11,330.50
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>3,903.10</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$514,283.60</u>

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## ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000896, PRIVATE DRAIN NO. 996 RECONSTRUCTION OF  
REINFORCED CONCRETE BOX CULVERT (in the vicinity of Rancho Dominguez),  
Supervisory District 2

Contractor: Garcia Juarez Construction, Inc., P.O. Box 309, Brea,  
California 92822-0309

### Project Description:

Replacement of an existing reinforced concrete double-box culvert, two transition structures, and other appurtenant work.

### Changes in Work:

(1) Exploratory Excavations	\$3,227.08
(2) Additional Concrete Removal	3,948.77
(3) Roadway Paving	<u>2,625.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,800.85</u>

### Description of Changes:

- (1) It was necessary to perform exploratory excavations to locate a waterline.
- (2) It was necessary to compensate the contractor for the removal of additional reinforced concrete. The existing channel invert was 20 to 24 inches thick instead of the 6 to 12 inches thick as called for on the project plans.
- (3) Additional roadway paving was required due to the relocation of a waterline. The work required to relocate the waterline damaged more roadway pavement than anticipated per the project plans.

The costs for Items 1 and 2 were based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications. The cost for Item 3 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on August 11, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$170,115.00
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>9,800.85</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$179,915.85</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003074, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2005, BALLONA CREEK WATERSHED (in the vicinities of Baldwin Hills and West Hollywood),  
Supervisory Districts 2 and 3

Contractor: J & G Maintenance, 10242 San Carlos Avenue, South Gate,  
California 90280

Project Description:

Cleaning of approximately 8,214 catch basins at various locations in the County.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$1,105.50)
(2) Clean Out Catch Basins in the City of Los Angeles	<u>950.00</u>
Total	(\$ <u>155.50</u> )

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) It was necessary to clean an additional 19 County-maintained catch basins along Vermont Avenue near 50th Street and also on Ardmore Avenue near Pico Boulevard. This work was not shown on the plans.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The cost for Item 2 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on August 22, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$67,765.50
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(155.50)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$67,610.00</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003075, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2005, DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL WATERSHED, ET AL. (in the vicinities of Carson, Hawthorne, Lomita, and Rolling Hills Estates), Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4

Contractor: J & G Maintenance, 10242 San Carlos Avenue, South Gate, California 90280

Project Description:

Clean out 10,155 catch basins at various locations in the County.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities	\$432.00
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Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on September 14, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$68,546.25
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>432.00</u>
<b>FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b><u>\$68,978.25</u></b>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. R112750001, 101ST STREET EAST (in the vicinity of Littlerock),  
Supervisory District 5

Contractor: Granite Construction Company, 585 West Beach Street, Watsonville,  
California 95076

Project Description:

Paving of an existing dirt road.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$4,345.18
(2) Remove Abandoned Pipes	<u>530.82</u>
Total	<u>\$4,876.00</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) It was necessary to remove four abandoned interfering pipes at the intersections of Avenues S-4, S-6, and S-8 along 101st Street East.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The cost for Item 2 was based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on July 7, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required by the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$293,672.00
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>4,876.00</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$298,548.00</u>

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## ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014651, PUENTE AVENUE AT CAGLIERO STREET, ET AL.  
(in the vicinities of La Puente and Diamond Bar), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4

Contractor: Oak Engineering, Inc., 1305 West Second Street, Pomona,  
California 91766

### Project Description:

Modification and installation of traffic signals, striping and pavement markings, and the construction of curb ramps.

### Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$4,224.53)

### Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

### Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on September 8, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

### Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$187,125.00
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	23,948.59
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(4,224.53)</u>
<b>FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b><u>\$206,849.06</u></b>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1546032, PALM TREE TRIMMING, RD 514, FY 2004-05  
(in the vicinity of Pasadena), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: Trimming Land Co., Inc., 10513 Dolores Avenue, South Gate,  
California 90280

Project Description:

Trimming of palm trees.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$737.00)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on August 12, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$69,381.00
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(737.00)</u>
<b>FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b><u>\$68,644.00</u></b>

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